

PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
Water Management Division
61 Forsyth Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY PROPOSED TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDLs) FOR WATERS AND POLLUTANTS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act requires each state to compile a list of those waters within its boundaries for which technology based effluent limitations are not stringent enough to protect any water quality standard applicable to such waters. Listed waters are prioritized with respect to designated use classifications and the severity of pollution. In accordance with this prioritization, states are then required to develop Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for those listed waters. The TMDL process establishes the allowable loadings of pollutants or other quantifiable parameters for a waterbody based on the relationship between pollution sources and in-stream water quality conditions, so that states can establish water quality based controls to reduce pollution from both point and non-point sources and restore and maintain the quality of their water resources (USEPA, 1991).

The TMDLs described in this notice are required by the 1999 Consent Decree entered in the case of Florida Wildlife Federation, Inc., et al. v. Carol M. Browner, et al., No. 4:98CV356-WS (N.D. Fla., Tallahassee Division, April 22, 1998). The waterbody impairments on Florida's 303(d) list that will be addressed by the TMDLs are listed below. These impaired waterbodies are located in the Pensacola Basin.

Waterbody Name	Waterbody Identification (WBID) Number	§303(d) List Pollutant(s)
Bayou Chico	846	Fecal Coliform
Pensacola Bay	548C	Fecal Coliform
Escambia Bay	548B	Fecal Coliform
Escambia Bay	548A	Fecal Coliform, Nutrients

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed TMDLs or to offer new data or information regarding the proposed TMDLs are invited to submit the same in writing no later than November 30, 2007, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Water Management Division, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960, ATTENTION: Ms. Sibyl Cole, Standards, Monitoring, and TMDL Branch.

A copy of each of the proposed TMDLs can be obtained through the Internet or by contacting Ms. Cole at (404) 562-9437 or via electronic mail at cole.sibyl@epa.gov. The URL address for the proposed TMDLs is: <http://www.epa.gov/region4/water/tmdl/florida>. The proposed TMDLs and supporting documents, including technical information, data, and analyses, may be reviewed at 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, between the hours of 8 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Persons wishing to review this information should contact Ms. Cole to schedule a time for that review.

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Date